

the role the United States played in the preservation and advancement of freedom in the middle of the 20th century;

Whereas the State of Louisiana and thousands of donors, including foundations, companies, and Museum members in every State, have contributed millions of dollars and other support to help build and advance the National World War II Museum, and hundreds of volunteers, many from the World War II era, have provided invaluable assistance to the Museum;

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the National World War II Museum, national in scope, and the Presidential Counselors advisory group, featuring leading historians and museum professionals, provide effective guidance and oversight for the National World War II Museum;

Whereas the National World War II Museum continues to add to and maintain 1 of the largest personal history collections in the United States, representing the experiences of the men and women who fought in World War II and served on the home front, with more than 7,000 videotaped, oral, and written accounts in the collection, and plans to digitize the collection to vastly improve public access;

Whereas the National World War II Museum is an official affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, with a formal agreement to borrow Smithsonian artifacts for exhibits;

Whereas the National World War II Museum collaborates with other museums and memorials in the United States and around the world;

Whereas the National World War II Museum has added major facilities in recent years through donor support, including the Solomon Victory Theater complex, which features a 4-D theater, the Stage Door Canteen, a United Service Organization-styled entertainment venue, and the Kushner Restoration Pavilion, home to a major patrol torpedo boat restoration project;

Whereas the National World War II Museum will open the United States Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center in January 2013;

Whereas the Pavilion will feature aircraft such as the B-17 bomber and the P-51 fighter, the latter flown by the Tuskegee Airmen, and a submarine experience and exhibits honoring Medal of Honor recipients, government leaders who served in World War II, and industries that became known as the "Arsenal of Democracy"; and

Whereas other major pavilions and interactive exhibits are planned or under development as the Museum anticipates the completion of the campus by 2016, including the

Campaigns of Courage: European and Pacific Theaters Pavilion, the Liberation Pavilion, and a Union Station train experience in the original Louisiana Memorial Pavilion: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and applauds the planned January 12, 2013, opening of the United States Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center, an iconic pavilion funded in part by the Federal Government and a major feature of the institution designated by section 8134(c) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-87; 117 Stat. 1105) as "America's National World War II Museum";

(2) recognizes the generous assistance from private individuals, corporations, foundations, the Federal Government, the State of Louisiana, and other public entities committed to offering a lasting tribute to the achievements of the United States in World War II; and

(3) expresses support for the mission of the National World War II Museum as vital to the preservation of democratic values, to the understanding of United States history and founding principles, and to the education of future generations about the relevance of the War experience to the past and future greatness of the United States.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Robin Cleveland of Virginia for a term expiring December 31, 2014, Dennis C. Shea of Virginia for a term expiring December 31, 2014, and James M. Talent of Missouri, for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate

Committee on Finance, appoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Katherine Tobin of Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2014.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1, the legislative vehicle for the emergency supplemental appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. MERKLEY. Tonight the majority leader filed cloture on the substitute amendment and the emergency supplemental bill. We will work on an agreement for amendments to the bill. The filing deadline for all first-degree amendments is 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Senator INUYE will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda tomorrow. Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber at 9:35 a.m. tomorrow morning to proceed to the viewing together.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MERKLEY. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:21 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 20, 2012, at 11 a.m.